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Note and Comment.

The Toronto Globe on a recent Saturday contained a number of photographs of Ottawa scenes which should be of particular interest to Edmonton. They show the improvement which has been effected in the capital city of the Dominion, through the operations of the Civic Improvement Commission. This body has in its employ the landscape architect, Mr. Todd, who is now engaged in elaborating a scheme for the beautification of the municipalities on each side of the Saskatchewan. Work was begun between four and five years ago and great changes have been wrought in that time. The dumping ground of the city's refuse have been turned into show places. Deserts of weeds have been turned into Japanese gardens. Many miles of driveway have been built. What was formerly the dirty smelling Rideau Canal has been made, so we are informed, to look like a bit of Venice. Towards the expense of this work the Dominion Government has contributed \$60,000 a year and the commission has been given large borrowing powers. The Saturday News cites these facts, not because it considers that such an ambitious programme would be justified in the capital of a province so young as Alberta. But we should at least make a move in that direction, and the precedent which the Dominion administration has set is one which our own might well follow. In no other province is there so excellent an opportunity with the expenditure of a little money to create a singularly attractive capital city. The proposition is one which is likely to give rise to no sectional jealousy. The Calgary Albertan displayed an excellent spirit in a recent article in which it declared that the Government in erecting the Parliament buildings should adopt no policy of false economy but make them in all respects worthy of the province. If it does this, it should go one step further and help to the extent of its ability in the work of giving these buildings a fitting setting.

The Toronto News' Ottawa correspondent reports that Western conservative members are in revolt against the party's high protectionist policy, and are using every effort to secure the adoption of fiscal ideas which will give them some chance in the part of the Dominion that will soon hold the balance of power. About a year ago the Saturday News first called attention to the need of their taking some such action, if the party were to have any hope of regaining power in the immediate future. The idea was dismissed by most of those who considered it as utterly impracticable. The only Conservative newspaper which came out flatfooted in its support was the Ridgeway (Ont.) Dominion, edited by Phil. Bowyer, a Conservative member of the Ontario Legislature. But in the meanwhile Western Conservative Parliamentarians and others have evidently been doing some quiet thinking. Senator Long-



Robert Burns

Burns' Birthday January 25th

Forget that time has moved the world away
Six generations from Auld Scotia's day,
Whereon she sang by mouth of minstrel Burns.
Sweet songs and true, to which the heart still turns.
Forget the miracles that man has wrought
The incarnations of immortal thought;
The steam-winged village o'er the railway whirled;
The electric voice that clicks across the world
The magic trumpet that o'erreaches space,
Brings voice to voice, when face is far from face,
Forget the wonders that the school-child learns,
The better to hear the singing preacher, Burns.
Dinna forget though Burns is made a text
On which the elect of this world and the next:
The rich, the righteous—now delight to dwell,
They come unbidden to the poet's well.
Puir folks alone are Burns' rightful heirs!

For then he sings, his heart and soul are theirs;
Their customs, habits, manners, loves, hopes, joys,
The warp and woof his master-hand employs.
Dinna forget, for all that folks now say
When Burns, the bard, was living out his day
The guinea-stamp did not make current gold
Of the precious ingots of his mind's rare mould,
Save for a nine-days masquerade of power,
The freak, the fad, the fancy o' the hour;
An unco' for the Caledonian Hunt—
Of rough adversity he bore the brunt,
They entertained an angel in his case,
But opened the door to shut it in his face.
The Scot to whom the world sends greeting
The bard we weary not repeating
The Burns whose star is fixed unflinching
In heaven set,
The man w' heart for puir folk beating
Dinna forget!

HUNTER McCULLOUGH.

heed's recent low tariff speech in the Upper Chamber bears out the statement of the correspondent of the Toronto News. The party as it now stands is undoubtedly in a rut. Will the man arise who will take it out of this by a low tariff crusade? There is no question what Sir J. Macdonald would have done under the circumstances. As late as 1882 he declared to Sir Robert Giffen that in his opinion protection was not economically justifiable in Canada. He supported it simply because his friends considered that to do so at that time was good politics. But it is not good politics and very poor statesmanship at present.

The Conservatives certainly ought to get together in any case and determine what their tariff policy is. Senator Longheed calls upon the Government to protect the interests of the consumer. Mr. Cockshutt wants the tariff built up to somewhere near the American level. Mr. Taylor declared a week or so ago that the opposition did not want a single item in the tariff

reduced, and in the same debate Mr. Henderson ejaculated "God forbid that I should ask for higher duties on articles such as tweeds."

John Herron, M.P. for Southern Alberta, is taking a very active part in the sessional proceedings. His resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged lumber combine was adopted by the Government and a committee of investigation will be appointed. The high price of lumber is bearing very heavily on the settler and if unjust exactions are being made, a remedy should be applied at an early date.

The work of dividing Alberta and Saskatchewan so as to give the former seven and the latter ten members has been entrusted to a committee of the House. As far as this province is concerned the task should not be a difficult one. On the basis of the recent census, the north and the south will each be entitled to three members, with a central constituency having Red Deer as the centre. In the south

it is said that Medicine Hat and Lethbridge districts will be grouped to make one riding, and McLeod, Cardston and Crow's Nest to make another. Calgary will be the centre of the third. The first northern constituency will likely stretch from about Hobemma to Strathcona, while north of the Saskatchewan, the dividing line between the two others will run north and south. This at least is what those who claim to be in the know are saying.

The action of the C. P. R. in cutting down its passenger service on the C. & E. owing to the cold weather will give some people a wrong impression of the country. The conditions under which this line has been operated for the past two or three weeks have been nothing like as trying as those which the companies had to face in Ontario two and three winters ago. The railway, of course, has been put to increased expense in operation and if it wishes to reduce this by making a temporary reduction in the number of trains, the public has no remedy. But it should make it clear that the C. & E. does not run through polar regions. If the winter weather in Alberta were like that of Northern Ontario, it looks as if the C. & E. would go out of business altogether for the time being.

The Hamilton Spectator remarks that the great Canadian west is having one of those "Oh-yes-it-is-cold-but-the-air-is-so-dry-you-don't-feel-it-spells." Of course a little liberty must be allowed to the western optimist who goes east, but as a plain matter-of-fact twenty and thirty below zero is much pleasanter in Alberta than five above usually is in Ontario. The present season has been an unusually severe one and will probably be used to prejudice people against the west. But, even granting that it has been cold, we still maintain that our winters are the finest that can be found the continent over.

The Edmonton city council has made a grant of \$1000 to the sufferers from the earthquake in Jamaica. While this practice of voting money to relief funds, whenever a disaster of large proportions takes place in any part of the world, does credit to the hearts of our civic representatives, it is doubtful if they are justified in adopting it. The Dominion parliament has already granted \$50,000 for this purpose and it is just as well to leave to that body the carrying out of Canada's obligations in the matter. It has been the experience in connection with such disasters over and over again that more money has come in than the relief committees knew what to do with and it is very doubtful if Edmonton's \$1000 will do any particular good. Besides that there is much work to be done with our civic resources right at home which affects very intimately the health and comfort of our own people.

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During the past week the centre of interest for hockeyists the country over has been Montreal, where the Thistles of Kenora were battling successfully for the Stanley Cup against last year's champions, the Wanderers. The victory by 4 to 2 on Thursday and 8 to 6 on Monday has been received with great enthusiasm throughout the west. They deserve all the credit in the world for having persisted in the struggle for the championship of the Dominion after two unsuccessful attempts. The result puts Tom Phillips, captain of the Thistles, in the lime light as the greatest hockey player of the day. Some think he is the greatest player that the game has ever produced. Certainly no better can be named. For half a dozen years he has played a most consistent game, coming into large notice first as a member of the Toronto Marlboroughs. Geroux, the Kenora goal-keeper, used to play with him in Toronto. In the game at Montreal on Thursday he scored all four goals for his team. Two stood to his credit on Monday. Both contests were magnificent ones from all accounts, it being anybody's game up till the last few minutes in each case. The winning two goals on Monday were scored within three minutes of time. Kenora's victory should serve to encourage the smaller towns of the country, which have hockey aspirations. Good hard work and loyal support from the public will enable any of them to land the highest honors.

The second Pederson cup game, on Strathcona ice, doesn't afford much encouragement to the boys from across the river. With both teams at their full available strength Edmonton won by 8 to 1, exactly the score in the first cup contest. If McArthur recovers sufficiently to resume his place on Strathcona's forward line, he would strengthen it, but that is their only hope of improving their showing. After beating Lacombe by 9 to 2 on Friday night, their supporters thought their chances against their old rivals were rosy. But they were distinctly outclassed and Edmonton is now anxious to find something in a wider field to conquer.

The High School look like winners in their group of the city league, defeating the printers by 2 to 1 and Heimink's by 5 to 3. The youth and speed of the students make them a formidable aggregation. Taylor is a source of great strength to them, while McKenney is always in the game.

The river near Fraser's mill presented an animated scene last Saturday when the driving club held its first matinee. A large crowd turned out despite the severe cold. There was a good field and some

close contests. Ogilvie's Dan Patch won out in Class A, taking two out of three heats, Inglis' Silver Tip taking one. Against five opponents J. McKinley's Pat Nolan won Class B in two heats, C. May's Nora May taking the second heat and being in second place in the two others. J. McKinley's Barney raced a dead heat with R. Tegler's Spot in Class C and then won the other two. Starter D. Stewart did good work.

Wetaskiwin curlers captured the district medals at Strathcona last week, defeating two Edmonton rinks, skipped by Campbell and Galbraith by 25 to 19, and then two Strathcona rinks, skipped by Weir and Sheppard by 25 to 20.

The promoters of the Calgary bonspiel, which opened on Tuesday, felt certain that with the long spell of cold weather that Alberta has been experiencing, there would be no danger of soft ice this year. But on the very day of the opening up blew a chinook and play in the Victoria rink had to be called off altogether, while at the Calgary rink the play was necessarily of a most indifferent character. The subsequent fall in the temperature should, however, improve matters. A most enjoyable banquet was tendered the visitors at the Palmetto Cafe on Tuesday night.

The Saskatoon papers contain lengthy accounts of an inter-provincial curling match between Saskatchewan and Alberta, the former winning by 5 to 1. There was but one rink aside, however, and but three Alberta representatives, Messrs Taylor (skip), Weeks and Withinslaw, the fourth man being picked up in Saskatoon, so that it can hardly be said that the respective merits of the curlers of the two provinces have been finally decided.

The Lethbridge Herald reminds its readers that a year ago Monday of this week a baseball match took place in the public square in that city.

The Intermediates put Revillon's out of the running in the City League on Tuesday night, defeating them by 6 to 5. Grady, Campbell and Banford of the senior team were with the winners and Powers and C. Blomfield with the losers, who also had Kent, the former Strathcona star.

Here is positively the latest fact in athletic events. The Buffalo News offers the following: One hundred-yard dashes straight up in the air—that is a new sport that has made a hit in Paris.

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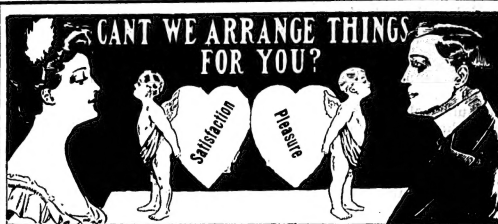
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straight-away. What a strain it must be, then, to run the distance up a winding stairway!

The presence of the Eiffel Tower is responsible for this new test of lung power and endurance. The engineer who built the tallest structure in the world for the Paris fair of 1889—a distinction it still holds after nineteen years—perhaps never figured that the towering pile would be the scene of athletic contests.

Only a few Sundays ago Paris turned out to see its best "scalers" test their speed going up the steps to the second platform. This is a distance of 300 feet, the height of many modern skyscrapers.

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About Town.

A rough estimate of the cost of the school building which it is proposed to erect in Strathcona this summer is \$60,000. The site will be that of the old Niblock Street school.

President Mackenzie, of the C. N.R., has intimated to Mayor Mills, of Strathcona, his intention to visit that town some time this month, when he will discuss the matter of the C.N.R. terminals.

The Board of Trade are taking up the matter of securing a night train on the C. & E. to Calgary.

The state department at Washington have informed the Board of Trade that no appointment of an American Consul for Edmonton can be made at the present time.

Friendship Lodge I.O.O.F. will hold an "At Home" in the lodge room in the Norwood Block, on Jan. 29th. The following are the officers installed recently:

Noble Grand—R. L. Haskell
Vice-Grand—J. S. Chamberlain.
Junior N. G.—John I. Mills.
Rec. Sec.—J. A. Dorman.
Fin. Sec.—H. B. Speers.
Treasurer—Chas. Creamer.
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Outside Guard—C. B. Beals.
Supporters, V. G.—A. Desilets and A. J. Kemp.
Supporters, N. G.—Alex. May and John Mildon.

Strathcona firemen are asking that Chief Groat be given a sufficient salary to allow him to devote all his time to the work of the department.

The musicians of Edmonton have formed themselves into a union with the following officers: Vernon C. Barford, president; Thomas Irving, vice-president; J. T. Richardson, second vice-president; C. Harper, secretary; and Lorne Yorke treasurer.

Among the projects which Mayor Gaetz of Red Deer proposed in his opening address to the council for consideration during the year were the establishment of a public park and of a reference library. The fact affords an indication of the progressive spirit which characterizes the people of the town. Its population is not yet two thousand, it should be remembered.

Negotiations for the annexation of Bankview and Riverside to Calgary are proceeding satisfactorily.

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Note and Comment

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Governor Sweetenham of Jamaica appears to have placed himself and his government in an unenviable position by his note to Admiral Davis of the United States navy, practically ordering him to take his sailors off the island, after they had been landed there for the purpose of aiding in the work of relief. The British government will investigate the whole circumstances and in the meanwhile has sent a despatch expressing its deep gratitude for the American admiral's offer of assistance.

Prof. Westlake has stated that no rule of international law would have been violated by allowing the American troops to remain and he is the most eminent living authority on international law.

The Edmonton Council on Tuesday night passed a resolution endorsing the request that the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee is making of the Legislature for an amendment to the law, requiring all bars in the province to close at seven o'clock. Ald. Smith Garney and Picard opposed the resolution, the rest of the aldermen supported it. The Saturday News cannot see what justification the council has for taking such action. Quite apart from the merits of the proposal, which would bring about a very great change and one in regard to the wisdom of which good citizens may honestly differ, aldermen are sent to the council simply to attend to civic affairs and not to express opinions on questions, with the settlement of which, as aldermen, they have nothing to do.

Edmonton

Opera - House

MONDAY & TUESDAY

THE

Private Secretary

WEDNESDAY

Kellogg-The Bird Man

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Roller Skating

Afternoon and Evening

Masquerade Carnival

FRIDAY NIGHT

Any controversial subject might with quite as much propriety be introduced at the council board as this.

They have a right to express their opinions as individuals in regard to the proposal but not as representatives of the citizens. The members of the legislature are elected to deal with such questions and they should be left with them. The aldermen have all they could do in attending to purely civic business.

It was a happy thought which led the Education Department to call together the convention of school trustees which met in Edmonton during the week. The

large attendance and the keen interest displayed in the proceedings indicated how seriously those who are in control of the schools take their duties. Many matters of school administration were discussed which should bear excellent fruit. In a later issue extended reference may be made to some of them. Incidentally the gathering proved most enjoyable from a social point of view, and the concert in honor of the visiting trustees on Wednesday night proved a very pleasant break in the strenuous two days of work.

The Burns' Night Banquet

As the Saturday News goes to press preparations are complete for the fitting celebration of Burns' night by the Caledonian Society, which will hold a banquet at the Prince Arthur Cafe. Among the speakers will be Premier Rutherford, Rev. Dr. Macquenn, Hon. C. W. Cross, Mayor Griesbach, Principal Kea and Duncan Marshall.

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Sunny Alberta

Vegreville Board of Trade is agitating for telephonic connection with points north of the town. An effort will be made to secure government aid.

V. Reif's photo studio was badly damaged by fire in Vegreville last week.

The Liberal Association tendered W. F. Puffer M. P. P. an informal banquet during his recent visit to Alix.

Simon Johnson a rider for the Knight Cattle company at Raymond went out on horseback after a herd of 1000 range cattle which got away. He followed them for 36 hours without food or fire. After that his horse played out, but he kept up the pursuit on foot. His face and wrists were frozen.

The salary of Rev. J. A. Clark, pastor of Knox Church, Calgary, is to be raised from \$1,800 to \$2,500.

J. D. Skinner, the candidate of the Reform League, defeated G. W. Hotson in the aldermanic bye-election at Lacombe by 62 to 50.

Max Waterman, merchant at Lacombe, has made an assignment.

The Ponoka Herald describes an exciting experience which recently befell Wm. Jamieson. While returning from watering his horses at the river, he fell into a well which had been left uncovered. "He managed" says the Herald "to catch hold of the curbing with the tips of his fingers, and there he hung. What a horrifying position; below him was 30 feet of space, then 20 feet of water; above him 50 degrees of frost, and out there a prospective bride whose prospect now hung in the balance. Who next shall greet him was his gloomy vision? St. Peter or the anxious maid. In the anguish of despair he seized a passing halter shank in his teeth and scrambled out, determined that before another accident so nearly called him hence he should have been made happy."

A project is afoot to build an electric or steam railway from the Ghost Pine Coal Mine near Mayton to some point on the C. & E. line.

On Monday of last week Hon. C. W. Cross and J. B. Holden M. P. P. addressed a meeting at Vegreville, outlining the work of the government. Mr. Cross referred in particular to the telephone policy of the government. He stated that the Bell people would shortly be along visiting the different towns and making them tempt offers. The government was forestalling the monopoly and he felt that they should be supported by the people.

M. A. Worth has been elected president and A. H. Middleton secretary of the Vegreville Board of Trade.

The Sisters of Providence will open a Boarding School to be known as that of the Immaculate Conception at Vegreville shortly.

Wm. Ennis, while engaged in cutting timber for James Jensen at Innisfail, had one foot so badly frozen that amputation became necessary.

A terrible story comes from Calgary. On Saturday the police were notified that something seemed to be wrong at the house of Ed-

ward Ferdinand, 323 Fourth avenue east. They found the body of Mrs. Ferdinand before the stove, that of Ferdinand in the bed with a still-born infant. Two small children were in bed with their limbs badly frozen but alive. There was plenty of fuel in the house and it is thought that the family was accidentally poisoned and that Mrs. Ferdinand had been able to get down to the stove with the intention of lighting it but had been overcome there. A latter explanation, which is generally accepted, is that coal gas was responsible.

While driving on Lesser Slave Lake near Stony Point on New Year's Eve, a freighter, named James Bell, broke through the ice. He had as passengers Messrs. Coward and McIntosh of Revelton Bros. They succeeded in saving the sleigh and cargo but a valuable pair of horses were drowned.

The Lloydminster Times says that it is rumored that the C. N. R. will move its divisional headquarters to that town from Vermilion.

W. L. Fisher and R. West, of Mayton, were in town on Saturday in connection with the proposed railway from Mayton to Innisfail. It is proposed to bring the line to Innisfail on account of the easy grades throughout the whole distance and the scheme of the promoters is to tax the property owners within five miles of the railway a bonus of \$1 per acre to assist in building the line, which would be continued south to the Ghost Pine coal mines.—Innisfail Province.

The Calgary branch of the Alpine Club of Canada held a successful meeting on Thursday at the home of the president A. Wheeler. Fifty dollars was voted toward the memorial at Laggan of Sir James Hector, one of Canada's greatest explorers and scientists. Eight hundred dollars was set aside for the publication of a yearly book and a small hand book. This year's camp will be held at Paradise Valley, four miles east of Lake Louise near Laggan.

W. F. Bredin M. P. P. held a number of successful meetings among his constituents in the neighborhood of Lesser Slave Lake before leaving for the meeting of the Legislature.

A resolution passed unanimously at a public meeting at Hillhurst, opposing annexation to Calgary.

The officers elected by the Cardston Board of Trade for the year are: President, Martin Wolf; vice-pres. C. A. Gigot; secretary, E. N. Barker; executive committee, D. S. Beech, H. D. Folsom, D. E. Harris, jr.

A Young Liberal Club is to be organized in Lethbridge. The officers elected by the Liberal association are: Hon. presidents, Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Hon. L. G. DeVeber and W. C. Simmonds, M.P.P.; pres. John Brodie; first vice-pres. A. B. Stafford; second vice-president, A. Easton; secretary, W. A. Buchanan; treasurer, Brown Pipes; executive, Wm. Oliver, John Bruce, Fred Kenny, J. A. Reid, H. M. Parry, Robt. Nimmmons, M. Olsson.

L. H. Fowler has been chosen fire chief at Lethbridge in succession to A. E. Humphries.

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The Red Deer Board of Trade has asked the Council for a grant of \$1,800 for publicity purposes.

An addition to the Memorial hospital at Pincher Creek is contemplated, which will give accommodation for nine extra patients.

Kenneth Christie, a member of the Bank of Commerce staff at Pincher Creek, died on January 12th from a hemorrhage. He was the son of the principal of the High School at Simcoe, Ont.

D. J. Whitney will erect a three story brick business block on Red-path street, Lethbridge.

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The Saturday News has now entered on the second year of existence, being first issued on Dec. 23, 1905.

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A Revolution in Our Methods of Disposing of Public Lands.

For some reason or other the agencies for keeping the western public in touch with what is transpiring at Ottawa have fallen down very badly in regard to a measure of far reaching importance which was introduced by Hon. Frank Oliver on December 10th, when it was given its first reading. It marks a complete change in the system of disposing of public lands in the West. Last session the ministry announced that it was pressing the railway companies to select all the lands to which they were entitled, so that odd as well as even numbered sections could be thrown open to homesteading.

The work has now been completed and the Bill introduced by the Minister of the Interior brings out the fact that all unoccupied surveyed agricultural land is open for homestead, with reservations as to timber, minerals, water rights, etc. More liberal regulations in respect to the latter are made for the benefit of the homesteader. For instance, though no entry for a homestead conveys any right to minerals, he is not debarred from entering for a homestead upon lands which may have minerals underlying them. He only obtains surface rights which do not interfere with mining operations.

A new regulation is that which allows reservations for all males 17 years of age, who live on homesteads with parents or guardians. They are on reaching the age of 18 to make application for entry for such land as a homestead and are to have cultivated ten acres between the date of reservation and the date of application.

At present the law gives a person who has settled on land before it is surveyed the prior right to enter after survey "if such right is exercised within three months after the land is open." The new Act makes it necessary for the agent to notify him that the land is open and he is to have six months in which to exercise his prior right. It is further made clear that the performance of the requirements to obtain patent

may be reckoned from the date on which the squatter has entered on occupation of the land.

The right of settlers, living in hamlets or engaged in cooperative farming, to secure homesteads after the practice followed by Menomones and Icelanders, is abolished. Henceforth free homesteads are to be provided only for individual cultivators of the soil.

But the most important provisions of the Act are those which allow the right of preemption. By statute of 1874 it was provided that entry for a homestead would give the right to purchase at the government price an adjoining quarter-section. But when the odd-numbered sections were locked up by the railway grants, this became impossible and the system was abandoned in 1890.

Now, however, settlement is extending where no railway lands are to be obtained, and the best class of settlers, to whom 160 acres is not enough, will not go out into these new parts unless he can get more land than this. Besides odd-numbered sections are being made available for settlement in the older parts of the country and homesteaders there are anxious to add to their land. The Government has therefore agreed to allow a homesteader to buy at a minimum rate of three dollars per acre an available quarter section lying alongside his homestead. He is to become entitled to letters patent for the land "on (a) completing the requirements requisite to obtaining letters patent for his homestead; (b) residing on his homestead or land appertaining thereto for at least six months in each of the six years subsequent to the date of entry for his homestead; and (c) cultivating in addition to such cultivation as he may be required to make on his homestead fifty acres either on his homestead or on the land appertaining thereto."

An exception, however, is made that he must not preempt a quarter section where a railway section lies alongside his homestead. To give him the privilege to do so, the Government thinks, would tend too much to scatter settlement.

For the benefit of old settlers, who have neither public nor railway lands adjoining their homesteads, they are allowed to preempt a quarter section at a distance, but residence upon it is necessary as well as cultivation. Where it can be found within nine miles of the original homestead, residence on the pre-empted quarter-section is not required. The preemptors of quarter sections not adjoining the homestead are to reside on it for six months in each of the subsequent three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house of the value of at least \$300 thereon.

The document, as it stands, is a very formidable one and there are plenty of details which are well worth careful consideration, but the main features of the proposed legislation are as we have outlined them. In some particulars they may be open to criticism and it is reasonably certain that before the measure becomes law, it will be thoroughly debated. But looking at it in its broad aspects, the Saturday News has no hesitation in saying that it bears the earmarks of first-rate statesmanship as well as of first-rate politics. It is bound to keep down the price of land and to defeat the object of the speculator, the success of whose oper-

ations is greatly to the detriment of the country. That powerful interests will exert themselves to defeat it or endeavor to amend it there is every reason to believe. On that account the people of the west should give no uncertain expression to their opinion. The situation is one which calls for the most careful legislation. Every possible advantage must be given to the actual settler, and parliament and the public at large cannot give to close attention to the proposals which have been brought down.

Senator Percy's reply to those who have shown the utter falseness of his charges against the Alberta authorities in connection with the preparation of the grain exhibit for the Halifax fair is feeble and childish. He claims Mr. Craig told him he was working for the Alberta government. As a matter of record he was not and what possible object could he have in claiming to be? He casts aspersions on Mr. Hill, the grain inspector, whom he first described as a land inspector. But Mr. Hill is a Dominion official, who would have no interest whatever in stating other than the facts regarding Alberta oats. Then he gives some information about Alberta oats that he received from "a man who had to do with them some years ago." After his first letter one was inclined to believe that the Senator had been unwittingly led to slander the products of this province. His second effusion puts the matter in another light altogether.

Hon. George W. Ross is among the new senators appointed from Ontario. He has always been keenly interested in Dominion politics and his rich experience and undoubted ability should make him a valuable acquisition to the Upper House. The Ontario Liberals have no easy task in securing a successor to the post of leader in the legislature. It seems to be taken for granted, however, that the new man must not have been prominently identified with the old regime. The chapter constituted by the last seven or eight years of Liberal rule the party are anxious to lose sight of.

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A Traveller's Impressions o Edmonton.

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"Mr. Shields has produced a remarkable book. It is unique in style and full of interesting material. He has been fortunate in meeting many of the great men of the day, and his travels have brought him to many of the world's most interesting and beautiful spots. His book shows too that he has carried with him on his travels an observant eye."

Among his references to Edmonton are the following:

"Edmonton is the capital of the province of Alberta, the most promising of all the provinces of the dominion. The city of Edmonton is charmingly situated on the banks of the far-famed Saskatchewan river. The picturesque scenery of the river is most beautiful, and also the winding of the river is attractive and impressive and is now being utilised for the residential part of the city. The growth of Edmonton is vast to the east and west, also to the north of the city, the south end borders on the Saskatchewan river. If it continues to grow at the present rate a few years will see a great improvement in the city. The population is largely increasing, now is an opportune time to encourage manufactures to establish industries to satisfy the heavy demands on the capital of Alberta."

"Edmonton can boast of having a very fine residential district; Mr. McDougall and the Hon. F. Oliver have beautiful homes and a great number of merchants have also brick residences of fine appearance, all built within the last few years. Land on the banks of the Saskatchewan river is held at very high prices and when all built up will be most picturesque. The commercial interests are well represented with large brick buildings with still more being rapidly built."

"Dog-freighting is carried on at a great distance, 500 miles has been travelled by dog teams. The dogs are fed on fish only. A first-class freighting team was known to have sold at the Yukon for \$2000, five dogs in the team. It can hardly be credited the long distance an Indian can travel with a dog team. A gentleman employed an Indian to take him 1000 miles, after he completed the journey he said it seemed impossible to have covered the full 1000 miles, and he believed the Indian had natural instincts to direct him to the point he had not seen before."

PERSONAL

The death is announced at Winnipeg of Julian Stuart Camsell, a pioneer of the Hudson's Bay Company, at the age of 69 years. Coming to Canada as a member of the Royal Canadian regiment, it was as a lieutenant in this corps that he first visited the west in 1857. In the following year, 1858, he took his discharge from the army and entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company as a junior chief trader, and was stationed in the Mackenzie division. He was sent to Fort Simpson, a trading post at the junction of the Mackenzie and

Liard rivers, 200 miles north of the Great Slave Lake, and there lived isolated, but happy, until he retired from the service. The year 1873 saw the young official a chief trader; in '78 he was promoted to be a factor, and in 1884 he was made chief factor, which he held until the year 1900. During these years he resided at various times at Forts Simpson, Good Hope, Nelson and Liard. In 1869, having met Miss Sarah Fould in Winnipeg, he was married to that lady at Fort Simpson. He was a close friend and associate of the late Senator Hardisty. Six sons and three daughters are living, and of his nine children, a number are following in the footsteps of their father. Thus it is that two of his sons and one daughter, being stationed at northern fur trading points, will not hear of the death of their father until the month of July. The children of Mr. Camsell are W. E. Camsell, the eldest, stationed at Moose Factory as an accountant in the company's service; Fred is at Fort Simpson in charge of the post; Dr. George Camsell is a doctor in practise at Austin, Man., and arrived in Winnipeg in time to be with his father at the last; the fourth son is Charles, a Dominion geologist at Vancouver; Frank is on the Grand Trunk survey, and the youngest son, Philip, is engaged in the passenger department of the Canadian Northern depot in Winnipeg. The daughters of the deceased gentleman are Mrs. Mills, wife of Captain Mills of the Hudson's Bay company's Mackenzie river fleet, now resident on Cathedral avenue; Mrs. Harding, living with her husband at Fort Resolution, Great Slave lake, and Miss Ethel, living at home.

George Cragg of Edwell, for 13 years a well-known figure in the Red Deer district and a horseman of wide repute, died last week at the age of 64. He had been in failing health for some time.

BORN

Robertson—At 222 Boyle street, Edmonton, on the 14th, inst., to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Robertson, a son.

Valiquette—At Edmonton, on Jan. 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Almon Valiquette, a daughter.

Buxton—At the Maternity Hospital, Calgary, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buxton, Calgary, a daughter.

Greentree—At the Maternity Hospital, Calgary, Jan. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Greentree, Red Deer River ranch, a daughter.

Kitto—At the Maternity Hospital, Calgary, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kitto, Calgary, a son.

Aunger—At Lacombe, Dec. 28, to Dr. and Mrs. Aunger, a daughter.

Coverdale—At Rimbey, on Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Coverdale, a son.

Adamson—At Beaver Grange, Fort Saskatchewan, on the 9th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Adamson, a daughter.

MARRIED

Craig—Montgomery—At the First Presbyterian Manse, Edmonton, by Rev. Dr. McQueen on Friday, Jan. 18th, 1907, Thomas Niven Craig, Edinburgh, to Annie Weir, eldest daughter of James Montgomery, Muirhall Cottages, West Calder, Scotland.

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Mannix—Fitzpatrick—On Jan. 9, by Rev. H. A. Gray, Byrd, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of Glory Hills, to Fred Mannix, of Victoria, B.C.

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dreams is done,
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of thy fate,
Two faint souls fear the keen, con-
fronting sun,
And fain would bid the morn in
splendor wait!
"Lo, yon thy future, yon thy faith,
thy fame!"
And stretch vain hands to stars,
Thy fame is nigh,
Here in Canadian hearth, and home
and name;
This name which yet shall grow
till all the nations know
Us for a patriot people, heart and
hand,
Loyal to our native hearth, our
native land.

—C. G. D. ROBERTS

THE RETURN OF THE MEM- BERS

All the polite, politic, and de-
partmental world of Edmonton is
a-flutter. To-morrow, (I write on
Wednesday evening) the formal
opening of the second Albertan
Parliament takes place, and legis-
lators from every part of the pro-
vince, with their intrigues and am-
bitions, their proud wives and
hopeful daughters, their best store
clothes and pompous or simple
manners, have come back to the
capital. The hotel corridors are
crowded. Where a week ago was
only the comfortable scattering of
the travelling public and the regu-
lar hotel boarders, is now a veri-
table hive of restless, buzzing,
swarming bees.

Men, in every variety of get-up,
from smartly tailored suits to the
baggiest ready-made, in Newmark-
ets and coons, are all here, blue
with tobacco smoke, and buzzing
with talk.

Everywhere the conversation
turns on the big things in store for
Edmonton and the province, dur-
ing the coming year. There is a
vast deal of inquiry as to the pro-
gress of each member's particular
district and much, oh very much,
speculation as to what will be done
during the coming session.

"Hello, old chap, when d'you
get back? How's the Peace River
country?"

"First-rate! You're looking
fine!"

So it goes. And then ensues a
great shaking of hands, and pat-
ting of shoulders, and puffing, for
all the world like a parcel of big
university under-grads, just return-
ed from the summer vacation.

Some of them perhaps have sacri-
ficed more than they like to think
of to get where they are; not one
of them but will carry more lines
in his face for having secured his
coveted seat, but these are all
concealed now—buried away back
in the convention halls and com-
mittee rooms at home, many miles
away.

Already the leaders have planned
an active session's work, which is
to entail the handling of many
vastly important deals of wide in-
terest to the Province at large, but
nothing more than vague rumors

float down from closed door con-
ferences.

In the bosoms of the wives and
daughters, meeting each other in
the dining-rooms or in the parlors
upstairs, are, nobody knows, what
fond ambitions, hidden deep down
beneath a wealth of smiles and
brand-new gowns.

To the accompaniment of many
whispered rumors below stairs in
the lobby, which confide that Mr.
So and So could not be found at
his hotel, that there is reason to be-
lieve that he is dining quietly with
Such-a-one—potentially significant—
at Cronn's, the young girl who is
down for the first opening, whacks
the piano in the lonely parlor, at
one end of which her mama sits
confiding to another mama that the
Member for—can only take
five grains of quinine without its
making his head fairly ring.

The meetings and greetings of
these eminently respectable gentle-
men are a joy to behold. Last year
they met, many of them, as stran-
gers; to-day they are comrades
one for the public good.

I have only one fault to find with
the picture. Poor Mr. Robertson
and his colleague, Mr. Hiebert are
too suggestive of my old college's
favorite pudding—"Here Am I
Father, Where Are You?"—being
two raisins swamped in a batch of
dough. They look lonely, more
over they haven't half a chance to
put up even a reasonable sized
scrap. However I'm hoping—

Meanwhile the members of the
overwhelming majority bow and
beam, casting gracious eyes on all
comers and extending the glad
hand in every direction. It is a
great night for them, and they are
making the most of it.

To-morrow—they'll have to pa-
rade in their prettiest—which is
"one of the sacrifices we have to
make don't you know?"—as if they
don't just revel in it! Meanwhile
the Club beckons invitingly—"better
walk round and have a look at the
new building!"

MY ACRES AND MARY

BY FRANK L. STANTON

I'm up an' away
At break o' day,
An' never of work I'm weary;
For I sing this song
As I toil along—
"I've got my acres an' Mary!"
Troubles enough—
For the world 's rough,
An' things will go contrary;
But ever this song
As I trudge along—
"I've got my acres an' Mary!"
No angel bright,
With wings of light;
Of an angel I'd grow weary;
But a woman true,
That's a joy to you—
"I've got my acres an' Mary!"

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somebody—and that is all I knew
till I sank into my chair again
feeling that I had come through a
sharp fighting engagement. But
it was only the greeting from Some-
body who had just reached Edmon-
ton from "Home."

And when I had regained my
senses I saw the face of the beam-
ing dear German, who had sat by
one of my wee family when the
hand of sickness lay heavy upon
him, and he was more than we
could manage, by reason of a fear-
ful delirium. And so this big,
cheery neighbor, had sacrificed his
rest and come in of a night, help-
ing us through that dark time,
though all day long he stitched,
stitched, stitched—in a down town

tailoring establishment, till I am
sure his poor eyes were weary for
the tender touch of Sleep, and his
aching body for the rest the night
would bring.

How his face brought it all
back! How it called to mind a
thousand incidents—

But that has all to do with a
purely personal history. Wonder
of wonders—the man is no longer
to be associated with the old home
town!—At forty years of age he
has pulled stakes and struck for
the Peace River country, where,
with his little family of four, he is
going to start all over again.

All of which he tells me in one
breath, while I question and nod

assent, and interrupt, a thousand times in five minutes.

There is so much to learn!

Whatever gave him the notion; how did he ever bring himself to part with the snug little home; how did his wife like the prospect; did he know it might be awfully lonesome, how far would his place be from the railway; what would he raise?—

Between times he tells me he was very fortunate in finding a buyer for his house. All those who were young enough or at all able were striking out for the West. Why shouldn't he? There was no future for his boys back east. He was a splendid, all-round handy man, why should he go on eternally stitching until his eyes grew dim, when the most magnificent country in God's green earth was calling for willing hands to work it.

Oh! and would I know of the kindness of the people when he left?

The big framed picture sent by the nephew of a late cabinet minister, since gathered to his long rest, "my political chief," which is lying so carefully packed amidst a wealth of quilts on its way out West; the purse from the old "Nepigon Club," ("God Bless Them and me only out cooking for them one camping season"); others from his fellow employees and members of the firm; from the Masonic Lodge and the "Boys". The letters of recommendation he will never need, seeing he's come to the land where no man's smile or frown can help or injure him a penny's worth.

And thus we ramble on, interjecting blessings on the heads of as fine a community as you will find the world over, until presently we come to discussing "home gossip".

What fun to hear that the "new" house we last occupied is freezing another family this winter, that the new council are still discussing erecting a "new town hall"—which makes the twentieth year for the self-same discussion—and that they are no nearer accomplishing that end than they were when they started two decades ago.

The town jogs along at the same old gait, with the same church gatherings, the same "mock parliaments," and the familiar town characters doing the same old things, in the same old way.

How we shriek over this thing and that! how funny it all seems to live over again!

The home news exhausted we return again to the Newest Westerner's prospects. Amidst many enthusiastic expletives we decide that my friend has made no mistake in leaving even so good a town for the great unknown land. Bubbling and brimming over with enthusiasm he takes leave of me—in a day he starts by wagon for a two-hundred mile journey north—where from the very bottom of my heart I wish him and his good fortune he deserves, and which I am sure he will command—seeing that he has come out with no false or ridiculous ideas, but with the fixed purpose to work hard and make good.

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A Former Albertan.

Death of the Earl of Shannon, Formerly Local Member for McLeod. How he was discovered.

The Canadian West many years before it occupied anything like the place that it now does in the world's vision attracted many men of distinguished family connections. Among the officers of the mounted police was a son of Charles Dickens. Several noblemen became residents of the country, among them was Lord Boyle, whose death as the Earl of Shannon is announced to have taken place a week or so ago at Mornachty Mansion, Cardiganhire, Wales. He was the local member for the McLeod district in the middle eighties. The Vancouver World told how he was "discovered" in that city on his father's death. He failed to write home and all trace had been lost when the old earl died, and the title and estate descended to Boyle.

Advertisements were inserted in many newspapers and clever detectives traced him to a ranch in Minnesota where all signs failed, and it was believed that he had died somewhere further west. For four years the search was continued unsuccessfully and at last the earl was given up for dead, and arrangements were in progress for transferring of the title and estate to the next of kin; when one night a travel-stained and weary-looking man reached Vancouver. He hailed from the Greater and Lesser Lakes, far in the interior of the the Great Lone Land, which is about to be traversed by the G. T. P., and the Vancouver, Westminster, and Yukon railways, and brought within three days' travel of Vancouver. The stranger said his name was Boyle, and that his first glimpse of civilization for several years was when he boarded a C.P.R. train on the North Thompson river. Now, there happened to be at the hotel where he registered an Irishman who was born and reared near Lord Shannon's estate in the Old Country. Seeing the name of Boyle on the register he naturally scraped an acquaintance with the stranger, and soon the two were engaged in exchanging reminiscences of former days in Ireland.

"Your name is very familiar to me," the man said. "Boyle? Boyle? that's the family name of the Earl of Shannon. Are you a relative?"

"Lord Shannon is my father," the travel-stained visitor quietly replied. "I am his eldest son."

"Then, by Jove," shouted the other, "you are Lord Shannon, for your father has been dead these several years, and the world has been scouring to find you. And so you are the missing man? I must confess that you don't look much like a lord, but may be when you've had a bath and had your hair cut you'll look all right."

The stranger proved to be the rightful heir and he proceeded forthwith to Castle Martyr, Ireland, where he assumed the title and entered upon the enjoyment of his estate. His death occurred at the age of 45.

Rev. Father Lacombe has been visiting at the Roman Catholic mission in Edmonton, and preached at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday morning.

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The Saturday News this week presents the portraits of the new president and the secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Association. Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Stevens are two officers of whom the organization should be proud. They are in the first place farmers who have made a thorough success of their calling and in the second men with an intelligent grasp of public problems, in their wider aspects, where judgment in regard to all the questions with which the association has to deal must win respect from all reasonable and fair-minded men.



MR. FLETCHER

Mr. Fletcher is a most exceptional man in one particular. He has a ready tongue and native Irish wit but he does not love to hear himself talk. He only speaks when he has something worth saying. The consequence is that at all the gatherings in which he has participated during the past year he has been given a most attentive hearing. He first sprang into prominence when the tariff commission visited the west a year ago last December. He was one of those to whom the work of presenting the association's case was delegated and he discharged his duty with telling effect. His strong appeal on behalf of those who were opening up this new land and who were accordingly entitled to the greatest consideration on the part of those who determined what their fiscal burdens should be, made a visible impression on the commissioners. "We desire to present our case to you," he said in concluding "in a plain, matter-of-fact way. There are no orators among the members of our association." "There's one all right," interjected Hon. Mr. Fielding and those who

were in the audience showed by their applause that they agreed with the Minister of Finance.

At the seed fair held in Edmonton a month or so later, Mr. Fletcher was one of the principal speakers and the large audience that assembled in old Robertson's Hall on the last night of the fair were brought to realize that in him the farmers of the province had a man who would render them the most effective service.

But the most important duty which he was called upon to perform was before the agricultural committee at Ottawa last session, when, as representative of the Alberta Farmers' Association, he presented several requests of extraordinary importance to the farmers of the province. He asked for an additional member for Alberta on the grain standards board, for the same privileges in the distribution of cars for shipments west as had been enjoyed for shipments east, and last but not least for a special classification for Alberta winter wheat. So successful was Mr. Fletcher's mission, that all these requests were granted. He also asked that a terminal elevator be established at the Pacific coast. This project is now being enquired into by the grain commission. On all sides tributes were paid to the exceptional ability with which Mr. Fletcher had presented his case.

At the recent convention in Calgary, though he strongly urged the members not to elect him, he was their choice for the presidency. He was nominated by Mr. Barker of Cardston and some of his warmest admirers are to be found in the southern part of the province. Up to the present he has been the president of the Strathcona branch. His home is near Ellerslie, six or seven miles south of Strathcona on the C. & E.



MR. STEVENS

The secretary of the A. F. A. for the year just closed, who has been prevailed upon to undertake the work once more, is a big man in every sense of the word. He is a giant physically and a man to whose nature everything petty, in the way of thought or action, is essentially foreign. No one can talk to him for five minutes or hear him speak before a public body,

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such as the tariff or grain commission, without realizing that in him we have the very best type of our citizenship. Too often in farmers' organizations, the individual, who is familiarly known as the "crank" comes to the fore. This is not the case with the A. F. A. and it is on that account that it is making so strong an appeal. In his secretary's report at Calgary, Mr. Stevens undertook to define

the policy which he and his colleagues had followed during the year. Part of what he said is well worth paying particular attention to.

"It has been," he said "our first endeavor to inspire confidence in the minds of the farmers as to the ability of the organization to promote their interests, and to convince the general public that it intends nothing revolutionary, that

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it is ever ready to join hands with other bodies in the upbuilding of the province and that it asks only that the farmers receive an equal share of the benefits of the progress that is made".

The words show the measure of the man. If he had been allowed to relinquish his work at this stage of the association's career, it would have been a great misfortune. Having put his shoulder to the wheel again, he is proceeding with the work of organization with all of his old-time activity and the close of the present year should see a vast increase in the A. F. A.'s scope and usefulness. How he accomplishes all that he does, while at the same time looking after his farm at Clover Bar and attending to public duties, particularly in connection with road work, close at home, is difficult to understand. Mr. Barker at the Calgary convention voiced a quite general opinion when he said that another year it would be necessary for the secretary to devote his whole time to the work of the association.

Mr. Stevens played an important part in the presentation of the case of the A. F. A. before the tariff and grain commissions. He is a deliberate and most effective speaker. His method of delivery is strictly in keeping with his clear and logical mind and he always commands the attention of his audience. His executive ability was brought strongly into prominence by his successful management of the seed fair in Edmonton last winter.

In subsequent issues the Saturday News hopes to present portraits of Vice-President Woolford and of the newly-elected directors of the association.

The farmers of the East Clover Bar settlement are taking the initiative in arranging a joint meeting with the various branches of the A. F. A. surrounding Edmonton for the purpose of suggesting some plan to the Provincial Government under which it might undertake the management of a pork-packing and beef canning factory along lines similar to those under which the Government creameries are conducted. It is their intention to invite further counsel in the matter, either by holding a general convention or through the press. These farmers are going about the matter in the right way. It is of too great importance to be undertaken hurriedly and it should be

carefully thought out and discussed in all its details before any definite action is taken.

Seed grain fairs and stock judging schools are now the order of the day throughout the province. It is gratifying to note the number of instances in which members of the A. F. A. figure prominently among the managers and exhibitors at these fairs, and how eagerly they embrace every opportunity to acquire information regarding the improvement of live stock. They show by their conduct their belief in the doctrine that in order to secure the highest price for their products they must produce that which commands the highest price, namely the best.

The invitation extended by the Edmonton Board of Trade to the farmers to meet with them to discuss means of improving present methods of marketing grain and produce is a step in the right direction and is strictly in line with what the A. F. A. has always advocated. The ability to buy and sell with the fewest possible restrictions is what makes trade profitable to buyers and sellers alike. It is not so much by recounting grievances as by discussing remedies that progress is made, and the example of the business men of Edmonton and the farmers of the surrounding country can well be followed in other parts of the province.

A branch of the A. F. A. was organized in Penhold last week. The farmers of that vicinity are of the kind that are almost sure to make a success of organization work. They are sufficiently enterprising to put energy in what they undertake and sufficiently practical to avoid the impossible. A better combination could hardly be asked for.

The proposition to amend the Local Improvement Ordinance called forth a lively discussion at the A. F. A. convention in Calgary. It was pointed out that more depended on the man than on the law, that under the present ordinance great improvements have been made in our country roads, that these improvements have kept pace with the development of the country, that the only amendment needed is one that will secure the selection of good men, and that much could be done to this end if it were made impossible for some self-appointed leader of our foreign born

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electors to see how every man had voted. Attention was called to the fact that this had been done and that a secret ballot could be had if requested. The duty of selecting good men rests entirely with the ratepayers and no law can be devised which will insure the selection of good men when men of that class refuse to serve or

are not properly supported when they do serve.

Numerous enquiries are being received from various locals regarding Government operated creameries. The names of these enquiries are forwarded to Mr. C. A. Marker, Dairy Commissioner,

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CITY MESSENGER SERVICE



The other night Ald. Picard rose to a question of privilege at the Edmonton Council meeting. He thought the policemen of the city should know an alderman of the city when they saw him. At the Chisholm block fire one of them told him he was to keep away from a certain spot and had said if he didn't there was a place waiting for him down the street. He resented the treatment and thought a man in his position should be shown more respect. The council heard the alderman's plaint but did nothing, the Mayor quite properly saying that the police at a fire were under the control of the fire department and that it would be fatal to interfere with them in the discharge of their duties.

I must say that I thought that Ald. Picard was a bigger man than the incident shows him to be. When a big building is on fire and life and property are in danger, is it any time for kow-towing to this and that public functionary? The man who insists on special treatment on such occasions shows a deplorable lack of plain horse-sense. In Washington a fire occurred during President Grant's term of office. The President followed the crowd and unwittingly got within the fire lines. A policeman, not recognising him, caught him by the arm and pushed him back without any ceremony. If Mr. Picard had been in his place,

what a hulabaloo there would have been? Nothing short of a special message to Congress would have satisfied his outraged dignity. But General Grant with a grim smile quietly took his place outside the forbidden territory and watched the fire out. That night he told the story to the great amusement of an assembly of guests at a White House dinner party. What a saving grace is humour!

If our aldermen are afraid of a recurrence of Ald. Picard's experience, why should they not adopt some sort of an official uniform for wearing about the streets, so that everyone could treat them with the proper respect. A cocked hat and a liberal display of gold braid would serve the purpose. With these marks of distinction Ald. Picard could go within as many fire lines and stand as much chance of being killed by walling falls or fire trucks as he liked.

"There is no power in Hell or Calgary, that can keep you from the other side if you have made the determination," said Mr. Hunter, the evangelist in an address the other night.

It is one of Mr. Hunter's weaknesses as a speaker that he always uses two words where one would do.

The evangelist's remark call to mind a drawing which appeared in a recent issue of Punch. The artist shows an American tourist on the summit of Vesuvius, with two English women in the background.

"Great Snakes!" soliloquizes the American. "It reminds me of hell."

"My dear," remarks one of the English women to her companion, "how these Americans do travel!"

Of troubles connubial, jars and divorce, This, we believe, is the fruitfulness source; A man falls in love with a dimple or girl, Then foolishly marries the entire girl.

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quiet night; the whispered word, the tender look. I wonder if it is a memory of some previous existence?

Practical she—No, William, it is more likely a memory of some previous sweetheart.

She—Married life should be one sweet song.

He—Yes, like one of Mendelssohn's—without words.

The Attorney-General of Alberta was to have been the guest at a banquet in Vermilion last week. The train was away late, however, and he went to bed, concluding that he could not keep his engagement. At half-past one in the morning, the train drew into Vermilion. A committee boarded the train, awakened him, made him dress and took him off to the banquet, where he was given an enthusiastic hearing. The reception was a rousing one in all earnest.

THE LOUNGER

The mother of Joseph Chenier of Edmonton died last week at the age of 88 years at her home at St. Hermes, Quebec.

H. B. Becker, a well-known citizen of Woodstock, Ont., arrived in Edmonton with his wife and family on Saturday night. It is his intention to join his brother-in-law on a ranch near Lesser Slave Lake.

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Alberta Farmer

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Calgary, who is preparing a circular giving detailed instructions of how to proceed in order to secure a creamery of this kind. A copy will be mailed to each enquirer as soon as it is completed. It sometimes happens that questions arise outside the points covered by Mr. Marker. These will be answered through the columns of the News. Persons who have had experience in creamery work and desire to make suggestions in the matter are cordially invited to do so. Whenever requested to answer questions by private letter we will cheerfully do so, but our many duties sometimes prevent us from being as prompt in our replies as we would like to be.

One of the first things for a settlement to decide is whether it wants a creamery as a permanent institution or as a makeshift till it can confine itself to grain growing. If it is to be but a makeshift you had better let it alone. If it is to be permanent, find out who are its friends. There are certain friends from whom every creamery should pray to be preserved. One of these is the class that will aid in its construction in order that others may patronize it while they get the benefit of the improved local market. Another is the class that wants to be free. Free to patronize the creamery when the local market is demoralized; and free to abandon the creamery when the local market recovers. The only people who will keep a creamery in operation are the ones who are convinced that taken as a whole the market secured through the creamery is better than the one through the stores, and being convinced of this they stay with it regardless of local conditions. A settlement that has men of that kind can safely undertake to establish a creamery. One that has not, can hardly do so.

Another important thing is to exercise care in selecting stock holders. The name of a man who avoids payment, whenever possible, of his debts, will be a detriment to any stock list; and his failure to pay his assessments will cause dissatisfaction among those who have paid theirs; and it will influence others who make it a rule to pay only after everybody else has done so.

Select a careful man to solicit stock subscriptions. Instruct him to insist that every man sign his own name to the stock list. If he cannot write let him make his mark and sign as a witness. A little care on this point will avoid an endless amount of trouble later on. A settlement that cannot get the signatures of a sufficient number of good men on its stock list is hardly ready for a creamery.

At the last meeting of the Innisfail branch of the Alberta Farmers' Association, James Speakman was elected president in the place of John Robinson, who had resigned.

The Cardston Star proposes the following New Year's resolutions for its readers:

That I will join the Alberta Farmers' Association and become an active member.

That I will affiliate myself with the Agricultural Fair's Association and do all in my power to make it a success.

That I will see to it that the Board of Trade gets my support

and my presence.

That whatever is calculated to benefit and aid the Cardston District shall be among my first considerations and shall not only receive my moral but my financial support as well.

Varying reports continue to come in regarding the losses to stock in Southern Alberta through the severe weather. The Medicine Hat News, which is in an excellent position to know the facts says:

"As about every householder in Medicine Hat, who has resided in the city for any length of time, is directly interested in cattle to a more or less extent, the severe weather which is being experienced on the range is causing grave anxiety to all. It is next to impossible to secure accurate information from the outlying sections, as the low temperature has put a stop to all communication for the present. Cattle seen from the railway are much shrunk up and apparently in great distress. Word has been received from down Hareway of cattle which have drifted all the way down to that district from the Red Deer. Thousands have crossed the border from Willow Creek and the district south of the Hills."

About sixty delegates from the creameries throughout the province were present at the convention in Lacombe on the 16th and 17th. Mr. Harcourt, the deputy minister of agriculture, presided and Hon. Mr. Fidler took part in the proceedings. The discussion on various dairying questions was introduced by Mr. Marker, the dairy commissioner. One of the complaints was that there was too great delay in issuing cheques to creamery patrons. It was pointed out that if these could be issued directly from the dairy commissioner's office instead of passing through the audit department, the delay could be avoided and it was decided to ask that this change be made. Poultry questions also came under discussion, being introduced by A. W. Foley, the director of the co-operative stations. The satisfactory announcement was made that in addition to the 8 cents per pound advanced to the patrons by the government for the poultry, it would be able to give four or five cents a pound more, after deducting the expenses incurred in putting the poultry on the market. The extension of the fattening work will be asked for, as well as the establishment of a breeding station. A banquet, presided over by Col. Gregory, was held at the Victoria Hotel at which Mr. Finlay, Mr. Rosenroll, Mayor Gourley and others spoke.

Thomas H. Woolford, vice-president of the A. F. A. doesn't believe in keeping Alberta's light under a bushel, even if it be a bushel of Alberta Red, if we are to judge from the following clipping from the Logan, Utah, Republican:

In a letter from Thomas H. Woolford, of Cardston, Alberta, we gather that he has been gloriously prosperous this year, more so than last. In 1905 a heavy hail-storm did not do less than \$8,000 worth of damage to his crops, but this year Mr. Woolford's crop brought him sufficient money to square off all his indebtedness and he has about 15,000 bushels of grain yet in his bins. "Tom" affirms that there is no land like Canada, and he urges all the old moss-

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backs down here to 'come up and be rejuvenated.'

Owing to the small pox outbreak at High River, the stock judging school was not held there this week but came on to Red Deer. The attendance at Magrath was large and the proverbial hospitality of that town was shown, the lecturers

and others in attendance being banqueted. Lacombe will be visited next.

Mr. J. B. Holden M. P. P. has expressed his willingness to bring the question of a bounty on coyotes which was asked for at the Calgary convention, before the legislature at the coming session.

HOME AND SOCIETY.

Once we kept house for the eyes of the neighbors;
Then we had nothing but show for our labors.
Now we keep house for our comfort—our own,
And 'round us are odors of heart's ease full blown.

—Ethelwyn Weatherald.

Some events that occurred too late last week to receive mention in these columns, were Mrs. Bulyea's reception on Thursday afternoon, when a great many callers dropped in for a chat with the gracious mistress of Government House. The hostess received in an exquisite gown of white silk eyelet embroidery and chiffon, and was looking stronger than I have seen her in a great while. I just caught a peep of the prettily arranged tea-table with its coquettish silver basket of white roses on a lovely lace centre, being anxious to hurry on to make several other calls. I noticed Miss McDonald attentively attending to the guests in the tea-room, and among the callers singled out Mrs. Rutherford, and several other Strathconaites, Mrs. N. D. Beck, Mrs. McKenny, Miss McKenny, and a great number whose faces were quite unfamiliar. Many of those who called at Government House went on to Mrs. Wells', who held her first reception since coming to town at her cosy new home, at the foot of the hill.

The bright little home was quite crowded when we arrived there, and the hostess was kept more than busy shaking hands with coming and parting guests.

Mrs. Gray poured tea from a daintily arranged tea-table in the dining-room, gay with many cut flowers, and Mrs. Whitelaw passed the tempting cake and sandwiches.

A wedding of much local interest has been arranged to take place some time next month, that of Miss Grace Robertson, youngest daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Robertson to Mr. Tod Lane, formerly of the local Bank of Commerce, a fine athlete, and a year ago prominently identified with the hockey team. Miss Robertson has only recently returned from a trip east. I saw her at the Bostonians last week and at the theatre again for McEwen's performance and thought her looking remarkably pretty and happy.

Mr. Justice Scott returned on Tuesday afternoon from a most enjoyable trip to Honolulu.

After a great shower of "tears" Mrs. Emery's two delightful luncheons on Friday and Saturday came as a genuine treat after a plethora of crushes and duty events.

The bright cheery home, its thoughtful and hospitable mistress, the delight of being cosily seated at a little table with three congenial companions instead of being buffeted here and buffeting there, partook of the nature of a pleasant rest after a storm of stress and nerve-racking going.

The sweet restfulness of being able to carry on a sensible sustained conversation, of drinking in the appealing loveliness of many exquisite flowers, and of having a quiet chat with a friend when the luncheon was over, appealed to me as the perfection of entertaining.

Mrs. Emery's home is particularly well adapted for events of the kind and the suite of rooms and attractive conservatory were all

thrown open on Friday and Saturday for the accommodation of the guests.

Little tables were scattered throughout the rooms, centred with a vase of exquisite roses, red pink and white, and the delicious refreshments were served by some of the hostess's particular friends.

Some of the guests on the first day included: Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. F. T. Fisher, Mrs. John McDougall, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Nightingale, the Misses Hudspeth, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Almon, Mrs. Bower Campbell, Mrs. Bown, Mrs. J. D. Hyndman, Miss Fielders, Miss Adamson, and Mrs. John McDougall, jr.

On Saturday Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Brunton, Miss Brunton, Mrs. T. S. Jackson, Mrs. Anderson, of High River, Mrs. Braithwaite, Madame Thibault, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. St. George Jellett, Mrs. Hislop, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Alan Fraser, Miss Pruyne, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Graydon, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Grace Robertson, Mrs. Balmer Watt, Mrs. Beck, and Miss Barker were the invitees.

At the conclusion of the luncheon Mrs. Hislop sang very sweetly, and Mrs. Jellett, Miss Wheat, and Miss Pruyne played a number of most enjoyable selections.

Mrs. Anderson of High River was the raison d'être of a merry little Bridge party on Saturday afternoon, given by her sister, Mrs. T. S. P. Jackson at her very artistic new home on 15th street.

Everyone was quite charmed with the arrangements of the pretty rooms, and were warm in their praises of the hostess's cultured taste and eye for effect.

Mrs. Jackson received her guests in an afternoon gown of soft blue voile with bolero jacket of handsome ecru lace, while Mrs. Anderson in a dainty lace bodice, accordion pleated, white voile skirt and hair smartly coiffed, was much admired.

The sisters are suggestive of entirely opposite types, and were a pretty contrast as they stood together to receive their guests, while Mrs. Anderson's bonny two-year-old boy held a miniature court where all did him and "ma bear" homage.

Three tables played the game of the hour: Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Ewing, Madame Thibault, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Bower Campbell, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Norquay, Mrs. Hislop, and Mrs. Balme Watt.

After the serving of delicious light refreshments, the hostess awarded the dainty prizes, Mrs. Campbell winning the first, and Mrs. Swaisland the other, a saucy little cut glass dish for almonds.

Going home a number of the guests, whose carriages are conspicuous by their absence, formed "bobbing" parties of three and four, which is, incidentally, jolly good sport, while others more fortunate got a lift in smarter equipages.

Mr. Allayne Jones was the host of a merry theatre party on Saturday night, that included a number of the younger men about town. I believe they occupied the centre of the front row at the Bostonians last performance, and wound up with a supper at Cronn's.

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On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Braithwaite was the hostess of a very enjoyable "tea" given in honor of Mrs. McPherson, when this popular young matron was quite unexpectedly "showered" with a variety of cut glass, china and other articles, as a little beginning of household treasures, after her heart-breaking loss in the recent fire. Though inexpressibly touched by this evidence of the thoughtfulness of those present, the "showeree" managed to make a clever little speech of appreciation after which tea was served and a very happy hour ensued.

No one who knows Mrs. McPherson, and her not too robust state of health, but has been surprised at her remarkable fortitude and cheerfulness under her recent severe trial. It will be a pleasure to know that when she and her husband take possession of their fine new residence they will have tangible evidence about them of the interest and appreciation of their many warm friends in town.

Since giving her "tea" on Monday Mrs. C. W. Cross has been confined to her room with a severe cold. Happily I believe she is now on the mend.

It was most unfortunate that she should have been taken ill at this time, and many anxious enquiries were made for her at Mrs. Bulyea's reception and the Opening, where she was naturally very much missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scoble have taken apartments at "Updown", moving there from the King Edward, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson since the fire in the Chisholm Block have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Braithwaite.

Mrs. Auguste Noel was given a

hearty welcome to Edmonton on Wednesday afternoon, when she held her post-nuptial reception, in her cosy apartments at the King Edward Hotel. It was a glorious day for a brisk walk and a call, and Mrs. Noel's petite reception room was crowded to its utmost capacity to receive the steady stream of guests anxious to make the acquaintance of this charming bride. The hostess was looking remarkably smart and radiantly handsome, wearing a rich robe of ivory satin, beautifully fashioned and trimmed with quantities of exquisite lace. I have heard Mrs. Noel's mother spoken of as one of the two cleverest women in the province of Quebec, and I am sure her callers of Wednesday will unhesitatingly acknowledge that much of her charm has descended to her daughter.

The little salon where Madame Noel received her guests is wonderfully attractive.

With a back-ground of pale green walls, dark oak wood-work and furniture, many artistic and lovely pieces of silver and art pottery scattered about, oriental hangings, and quaint brass and wrought iron lamps;—the room is for all the world suggestive of a corner in the far east.

The hostess herself poured tea and served the delicious dainties.

I believe in future Madame Noel will receive every Wednesday in the month.

THE OPENING CEREMONIES

The Second Session of the Alberta Legislature is now in full swing.

With a brave showing of gold lace, cocked hats, and escorted by a smart detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, under the command of Lieutenant Harbottle the Lieutenant-Governor on Thursday afternoon was escorted to the temporary Parliament building on MacKay avenue and with all the ease occasioned by his mastery of the duties of the position last year, went through the usual ceremonies in record fashion. King's weather obtained throughout the day, and scores of camera fiends lined the route, to snap his Honor, the Governor, as he rode in state to the Opening.

Those who attended the first gathering of the House, a year ago, were perhaps not prepared for the very quiet and unobtrusive nature of this year's proceedings. Where last year the streets were crowded with gay equipages and the youth, wealth, and beauty of the province, Thursday's ceremonial was remarkable for its absolute simplicity and its lack of display of a social nature.

A ripple of excitement was caused by the appearance of Mrs. Bulyea's carriage in which were seated the lady of Government House, Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Finlay, wife of the Minister of Agriculture, and Capt. Saunders, who acted as aide.

Mrs. Bulyea was most handsomely gowned, wearing a elegant cloak of white brocaded satin and ermine, with a large white picture hat with crown of lace and sweeping white ostrich plumes.

Arrived at the House, the ladies entered the precincts within the member's enclosure, Mrs. Bulyea wearing a charming costume of brown spotted voile over white taffeta, with very elaborate ornamentation of brown passementerie on a white corded silk ground, and trimmings of dainty lace.

Mrs. Rutherford was in a dainty dotted blue silk with white picture hat, and looked remarkably well.

Mrs. Finlay wore a lovely gown of soft grey voile, with lace yoke and berthe, with a suggestion of pale blue outlining the corsage and a smart black velvet hat.

To attempt to describe any other frocks would be folly. With perhaps a few isolated exceptions there were simply none to describe, everyone going in street costume and strictly informal fashion. I thought the men for once outshone those of the fairer sex. I noticed the new Mayor for one, looking wonderfully fit in his "frock" with an immaculate white vest and tie. And there were others; while the brilliant red of the officers' uniforms, their clanking swords and fine soldierly bearing never failed to evoke the greatest admiration.

It cannot be said that the Opening of 1907 was distinguished as a smart society event, it was merely an interesting ceremonial in which the men preponderated as spectators.

But if the formal opening of the House was lacking the presence of beauty and fashion, the reception of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea, the same evening at Government House more than made up for it.

There, throughout the evening, came Cabinet Ministers and their wives, the various members and their ladies, as well as a large circle of those resident in the city and province, and every window beamed a welcome as the guests piloted their way to its hospitable doors.

As you entered, the far off strains of Richardson's Orchestra, stationed on the landing, came softly down to you, women in lovely gowns, and stalwart escorts lined every conceivable foot of space, while the fragrance of many exquisite flowers rested like a benediction over all.

His Honor and Mrs. Bulyea received their guests in the artistically-appointed reception room, the hostess never looking more winsomely gracious than in her beautiful empire gown of the palest violet brocaded satin with tucker of white chiffon, the decollete with a fichu effect of the loveliest real Limerick lace, falling in long shawl-like ends at the back and caught with a handsome buckle of brilliants at the high waist band. A little spray of violets on the corsage and a wee knot on the sleeves, with some pearl and diamond ornaments completed this very attractive costume. On all sides one heard the most flattering comments of the gentle mistress of the mansion and her stunning gown, while the beautiful floral decorations of daffodils and hyacinths, and sweetly-fragrant carnations, all the product of Mr. Ramsay's fine green-houses—came in for a large share of admiration.

The dining-room of Government House is one of its most attractive features, the red and yellow of its decoration, lending itself for warm, bright studies in table arrangement.

On Thursday the festive board was a perfect delight to the eye, with a central epigone on a real lace centrepiece, holding a fairy shower of gold and green—gold daffodils,—a blaze of them—in a heart of cool green stems and smile-labra. At either end were candle-labra of French art silver, holding silver flagree shades over a yellow silk foundation, while little lace

doilies and dishes of tempting dainties completed the pretty effect.

Among the guests who paid their respects during the evening I noticed: Mrs. Rutherford in a handsome amethyst silk gown with lovely lace garniture, Mrs. Finlay in an exceedingly smart black toilette, Mrs. Harcourt, who looked noticeably pretty in a beautiful gold sequined gown over pale green taffeta, Mrs. N. D. Beck in a rich black gown heavily sequined in glistening jet, Mrs. Braithwaite in lovely black brocaded satin with a spray of pink roses on the corsage, Mrs. McPherson in dotted white silk net over white satin, some deep red roses adding just the right effect to her soft type of beauty, Mrs. Saunders in grey chiffon and gold sequins with some handsome diamond ornaments, Mrs. Hislop in black crepe with a long white lace scarf, looking more robust than she has for many weeks, Mrs. Walker of Fort Saskatchewan wife of the member, in black, renewing the friendships she made last year, Mrs. Bower Campbell in grey voile, with touches of sage green taffeta, some lovely lace and cut-steel ornaments, looking exceeding well. Mrs. L. E. W. Irving in pretty cream-voile over pink taffeta, the corsage an entire mass of tiny pink rosebuds, Mrs. Pardee wearing a beautiful white lace robe with hair prettily coiffed; A noticeably graceful and striking figure, Mrs. John McDougall in a most becoming costume, Mrs. McQueen in black with white lace vest and a touch of native on the bodice, Mrs. Turnbull in an attractive gown of cream voile with medallions and lace, Mrs. Gray in black satin with deep white lace collar.

Miss Woods, a charmingly pretty figure, in the sweetest shade of pale green, with exquisite lace garniture, and softly arranged hair, and Mrs. Pace, in champagne voile, with green ribbon and cream lace garniture over pink silk.

There were many other costumes worthy of mention, but in the necessarily crowded quarters it was impossible to single them out.

One missed Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. D. S. McKenzie and others who last year were with us at this time, but these may also join us before the end of the session.

The following is the list of invited guests:

Premier Rutherford and Mrs. Rutherford.
Attorney General Cross and Mrs. Cross
Minister of Public Works, Hon. W. H. Cushing and Mrs. Cushing.
Minister of Agriculture, Hon. W. T. Finlay and Mrs. Finlay.
The Bishop of Calgary and Mrs. Pinkham.
The Bishop of St. Albert.
Chief Justice Sifton and Mrs. Sifton.
Mr. Justice Scott and Mrs. Scott.
Mr. Justice Harvey and Mrs. Harvey.
Mr. Justice Stuart and Mrs. Stuart.
Hon. Frank Oliver and Mrs. Oliver
" Senator and Mrs. Talbot.
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Mr. M. S. McCarthy, M.P., and Mrs. McCarthy.
Mr. J. A. Herron, M.P. and Mrs. Herron.
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 Surgeon Capt. Hislop and Mrs. Hislop
 Lieut. Harbottle and Mrs. Harbottle
 .. Griesbach and Mrs. Griesbach
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A little bird whispers that there is to be a dance given in honor of one of our out-of-town visitors some night during the coming week, but as yet, I believe, nothing definite has been settled on.

Another engagement has reached me, which has to do with one of Edmonton's prettiest girls and a man from Red Deer, but no public announcement has been made up to date.

Word has reached the local office of the Bank of Commerce that Mr. Brown, the popular accountant, has been appointed to the Inspector's staff, prior to being given a branch, somewhere in the west, and that he may expect to leave any day.

Mr. Brown has a host of friends

in Edmonton who will be more than sorry to see him leave the city, while at the same time they will be glad to know of his steady preferment at the Bank's hands. Every one of the Bank's customers, as well as an unusually wide circle of friends will wish him good-luck and all the good fortune his whole-hearted application to the business has well-earned for him. On Wednesday night the local bank staff presented him with a handsome messerschmump pipe.

Mr. Finn who has been visiting in the east is expected home this week. While away he took in a trip to New York and other metropolitan cities.

Mrs. Finlay of Medicine Hat wife of the Minister of Agriculture, is comfortably settled at the Windsor Hotel, where she will receive during the coming week on Monday and Tuesday.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon in Holy Trinity church, by Rev. Archdeacon Fortin, when Brownie Lenore Wishart, daughter of Mr. Chas. Wishart, of Winnipeg, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Garnet G. Morris, of Edmonton. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Percy Wishart, and was attended by Miss Kate McComb, of Stony Mountain, while Mr. Harry de Pencier assisted the groom. Immediately after the service the bridal couple left on the C. N. R. train for an extended tour of the south and east, and upon their return will take up their residence in Edmonton. The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents. — The Winnipeg Free Press.

As I wrote the account of the opening, it just slipped my mind to mention the splendid showing made by the cadets in the afternoon. But if a slip of the pen omitted their name, their fine soldierly bearing did not for one moment remain unnoticed, nor unrecognized. Here's to them!

Mrs. C. W. Cross gave a smart little "tea," in honor of Mrs. A. R. Hamilton on Monday, for which the charmingly arranged home is quite the ideal place.

Altho' the day was quite bitterly cold there was no lack of prettily frocked women to meet the guest of honor, and from four to six the fortunate invitees hopped briskly along, eager to hurry their last few steps and gain an entrance to the radiant atmosphere, and a very merry and sociable hour they all spent over the tea-cup.

There were baskets of fragrant white hyacinths scattered through out the cosy salon, and the bright grate fire in both it and Mr. Cross's "den," made them favorite centres

to circle round for a chat.

The tea room was in charge of Mrs. Bower Campbell and Mrs. Almon, and the table was beautifully done in yellow, a lovely basket of chinese lilies on a filmy lace centre-piece forming the central ornament, while the light from many quaintly shaded yellow candles cast bewitching reflections on the polished mahogany.

The guests consisted of the most part of the younger matrons, with a scattering of the girl visitors in town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McKenzie are rejoicing in the possession of a fine, wee, baby, that arrived in the middle of the week.

Mr. Harold G. Brunton leaves on Saturday for an eastern trip, which probably necessitate a month's absence from the city.

Friends of Mr. L. M. McCarthy, former manager of the Northern Bank in Edmonton, will be glad to hear that he has returned west, now having his headquarters in Winnipeg as an inspector of the Northern.

Very tender sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallbridge in the loss of their infant son, on Thursday night, word of which has just reached me as the Saturday News goes to press.

Peggy

Dr. Clark, of Ohio, has gone to England, where he will deliver a series of lectures in connection with immigration work.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thibadeau of Wetaskiwin have returned after spending the Christmas vacation with Ontario relatives.

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